Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: If they have not cleared, they have also to sit late. Why should there be any distinction ?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: I have seen clerks working in the offices of the Civil Supplies Commissioner and Commissioner of Police after 11 p.m. If the lady clerks are there, it will be awkward.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is the Government aware that some of the subordinate staff are keeping the office as their lodging place ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I do not know whether there will be many instances of that sort.

CASTE-WAR AND TALUK-WAR LIST OF CERTAIN CATEGORY OF OFFICERS

16. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the caste-war and Taluk-war lists of the heads of the Departmental Head Offices and their Senior Assistants now in service;

(*b*) the Caste-war and Taluk-war statement of the under-graduates of the Offices referred in (*a*) now in service;

(*c*) the Caste-war and Taluk-war statement of those under-graduates, who were exempted from graduate rule and promoted to (i) Rs. 60—80, (ii) Rs. 80—100 after 1st Vrischigam 1115;

(*d*) the Caste-war and Taluk-war lists of graduates who were promoted over the heads of under-graduates who had put in more than 20 years of service on 1st Vrischigam 1115 and over those who were exempted from graduate rule;

(*e*) the reasons for over looking of such promotions;

(*f*) the Caste-war and Taluk-war list of under-graduate clerks who were (i) recommended and (ii) promoted to the higher grade in spite of the fact that they have not put in 20 years of service on 1st Vrischigam 1115?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) to (*f*) The time and labour involved in the collection of statistics required are not commensurate with the purpose served.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: This sort of evading answers has become a common practice in this House. The Diwan President should see that such figures are given. I have a great complaint that Departmental Heads as well as most of the clerks are appointed from some other represented taluks. The unrepresented taluks do not get justice.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: I have a complaint that the Talappalli Taluk is more represented than any other taluk.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: That information is completely wrong

COMMITTEE FOR CONDUCTING AN ENQUIRY FOR PURCHASING THE RIGHTS OF LAND LORDS

17. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of a committee appointed by the Government of Bengal for purchasing the rights of all land lords in the Province;

(*b*) what are its recommendations;

(*c*) was such a practice followed in Ireland to remove all tenancy agitations and to create a class of peasant proprietors;

(*d*) in which all other countries was it done; was it not done in the Punjab, Germany and other places;

(*e*) will the Government appoint a committee to go into that question and to report;

(*f*) in any case, will the Government pass the necessary laws to allow such tenants, as can, to buy up the land lords' rights in their lands;

(*g*) was not such a proposal made by Sir C. V. Ananthakrishna Ayyar in the Memorandum submitted by him before the Verumpattomdars Bill Select Committee ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have not received a copy of the report.

(*c*) & (*d*) Government have no information.

(*e*) No. Government do not feel the necessity to appoint such a committee.

(*f*) No. Government do not feel the need for such legislation.

(*g*) No.

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Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Is it the position that the Government are not making enquiries in important matters like the Tenancy question of India. Am I to take it that Government have no information or that the Government did not try to get any information on things on which it is considered that information from outside provinces is certainly valuable ? Is the progress of tenancy legislation outside India important or unimportant.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : In every province the relation between the tenant and the landlord is not the same.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : From answer (*b*) am I to take it that the Government know that there is no committee in Punjab ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : Government are not aware.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Are the Government not distinctly aware where all landlord's rights have been purchased.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : We are not aware.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Will the Government be pleased to purchase some copies and place them in the library.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : We will do that.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : In (*g*) the Government says "no" as answer. Will the Hon'ble Member for Revenue be pleased to inform this House whether he gave such evidence. I was a member of that Committee. I distinctly remember that he made this proposal before the committee.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)* : I distinctly remember that he proposed that all the rights of the landlord might be purchased by the Government.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Is it not a fact that a type-written copy of the speech before the committee was circulated among the members and this fact was mentioned in the type-writtien copy.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)* : Any way he made such a proposal. He suggested that the rights of the landlord might be purchased by the Government.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : There is a misunderstanding. He did say something in the Memorandum. He wanted that the rights of every pattadar should be purchased. That is contained in writing in the Memorandum.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : As a last question but not the least will the Government be pleased to inform the House whether they will collect information on this point ?

Mr. President : It is rather difficult to get information from Germany.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Will the Hon'ble Advocate-General see that information as regards Punjab is obtained.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)* : I shall make my best endeavours.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Let us hope that reports from Germany also will be received soon.

CORRUPT PRACTICES IN ELECTIONS—SAFEGUARD FROM

18. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Will Government be pleased to state whether they will make all efforts to safeguard elections from corruption ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : Necessary safeguards have been already made in the Government of Cochin Act and the rules issued thereunder.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Have the Government not received reports of gross corruption in the elections in the Cochin State ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : Wherever there have been complaints they have been enquired into.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Will the Government suo moto go into the matter of corruption making election offences cognisable offence ?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)* : Election offences under Chapter VIII A are not cognisable offences.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Is not false personation at elections a cognisable offence ?

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